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NATURE OF CALL: MOST WANTED SUSPECT ARRESTED

LOCATION OF CALL: AUBURN

CASE NUMBER:

RELEASED BY: LT. RICK ARMSTRONG (530) 889-7816

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Placer County Sheriff's deputies arrested one of the area's "most wanted" suspects, just a day after the man's photo appeared in local newspapers.

A citizen called the sheriff's dispatch center late Tuesday night to report that Nathaniel Paul Hopkins, 20, was in a Bowman-area fast-food restaurant. Deputies did not locate Hopkins at the restaurant, but found him as he was walking to a nearby residence on Alta Drive.

Hopkins, who lists an Auburn address, was wanted on a \$35,000 felony warrant for auto theft.

Sheriff Ed Bonner credits Gold Country Media, which includes the Auburn Journal, for running the Most Wanted feature in many of its Placer County publications.

"This program works because of the assistance of the local media," the sheriff said.

The "Most Wanted" program has proven successful for the Placer County Sheriff's Department. Since its inception more than six years ago, greater than 50 percent of those pictured in the local newspapers have been apprehended, according to Sgt. Larry Webber of the sheriff's Fugitive Unit. In addition to the media's help, Webber credits the public for the approximate 150 yearly arrests.

"The public has consistently helped us," he said. "They never let us down."

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